

On motion of Mr Bryan the committee was instructed to report on Monday the 19th inst.

On motion of Mr Hord, the Bill was made the special order of the day for Monday next at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr Taylor of Cass, the resolutions requiring the committee on printing to cause to be printed one hundred copies of the report of the Treasurer on the subject of common schools, and one hundred copies each of the Reports of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and of the Secretary of State, was taken from the table, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

SATURDAY, Nov. 17th, 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—Roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of C. B. Stewart, and of Henry Fantharp. Referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. McDade presented the petition of the citizens of Chappell Hill, in the county of Washington, praying for an act of incorporation. Referred to the committee on county boundaries.

Mr. Potter presented the petition of Robert Creuzbaur. Referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Grimes presented the memorial of the board of trustees, of Austin College. Read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Potter, Chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a "Bill for the relief of Bartlett Sims," reported a substitute therefor, and recommended the adoption of the substitute, and the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Doane, Mr. Hord was excused from attendance on the Senate, on account of sickness.

Mr Guinn, Chairman of the Committee on engrossed bills, reported a bill to incorporate the Texas and New Orleans Telegraph Company, correctly engrossed.

Mr Millican, Chairman of the committee on roads, bridges, and ferries, to which was referred a bill to incorporate the Austin city bridge company, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr Armstrong introduced a bill for the relief of A. B. Barleson. Read first time.

Mr Allen introduced a bill to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the State of Texas. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Fannin, the rule was suspended—bill read a second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Potter introduced the following joint resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, By the Legislature of the State of Texas, that this State regards the Acts of Congress passed in 1850, admitting California into the Union, fixing the boundary line of Texas and New Mexico, composing a part of what is commonly called the Compromise measures of 1850, as questions fully settled, so far as they have relation to the question of slavery; and that Texas is opposed to any change in those laws, affecting these great principles on the questions which have unhappily divided the Northern and Southern States of the Union.

2nd, *Resolved*, That the State of Texas regards the remaining Act of the Compromise measures of 1850, commonly called the Fugitive Slave Law, as a measure of constitutional right and justice to the slave holding States, essential to their peace, and the preservation of their rights, and that she would look upon the repeal or modification of that Act, as an invasion of her constitutional rights, and a just cause of alarm to herself and her sister States of the South.

3rd. *Resolved*, That the State of Texas regards the late Act of the United States Congress, known as the Kansas-Nebraska Act, whereby those Territories are thrown open to settlement, alike by citizens from the slaveholding and non slaveholding States, as a measure founded in the true spirit of the federal constitution, of justice to all parts of the Union, and of vital importance to the southern States of the confederacy, as well as the permanent peace of the nation; and while this State utterly opposes the repeal of that law, or any modification of its provisions affecting the emigration or right of slave holders, in said Territories, she in common with her sister States of the South would regard such repeal or modification as an invasion of the true spirit of the Constitution of the United States, as sectional in its character, and as a just cause of alarm on the part of the slaveholding States.

On motion of Mr Scott, the rule was suspended; resolutions read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Taylor, of Cass, moved a further suspension of the rule; carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Burroughs, Doane, Flanagan, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Palmer,

Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Houston, Weatherford, Whitaker, White and Wren—24.

NAYS—Messrs Caldwell, Grimes, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Taylor of Fannin and Truit—7.

The resolutions were then passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Burroughs, Caldwell, Doane, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCalloch, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker, White and Wren—31.

NAYS—None.

Mr Caldwell introduced a bill to authorize the deputy clerks of the several county courts to take the acknowledgement of parties to instruments of writing, or to take the proof of a subscribing witness thereto and to legalize official acts of that character heretofore exercised by any of them. Read first time.

Mr White introduced a bill concerning estates of deceased persons; read first time.

Mr Caldwell introduced a bill to legalize certain surveys lying between the counties of Bastrop and Burleson; read first time.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had adopted the following resolution—

“*Resolved*, That the Senate be invited to appoint a select committee to meet in conference with a like committee of the House, raised to take into consideration so much of the Governor's message as relates to Constitutional amendments.”

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to incorporate the Texas and New Orleans Telegraph company; read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs Allen, Bryan, Caldwell, Doane, Flanagan, Guinn, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Scarborough, Scott, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker, White and Wren—25.

NAYS—Messrs Armstrong and Grimes—2.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Elizabeth Taylor—read second time.

Mr Scott moved to lay it on the table—lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A bill granting the consent of the State of Texas to the Uni-

ted States to construct breakwaters, jettys, dams and other improvements on the coast of Texas. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to incorporate the Galveston rope, cordage, and cotton manufacturing company—read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to incorporate the Galveston ice company—read.

Mr Potter moved to amend the bill by striking out the 9th section; carried, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to incorporate the Texas Marine, Railway and Building Association; read.

Mr Potter moved to amend the bill by striking out the 9th section; carried, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to authorise the Clerk of the District Court of Washington County to transcribe certain records therein named; read and ordered to be engrossed.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, was read and ordered to be engrossed.

A Joint Resolution to provide for the amendment to the 31st Art., Sec. 8th, of the Constitution, read.

Mr Armstrong offered the following amendments:

The Legislature shall have power to protect by law, from forced sale, a certain portion of the property of all heads of families. No corporate body, sole or aggregate, shall hereafter be, or exist, with banking or discounting powers or privileges, and the issuing, circulating or uttering bills, checks, promissory notes or other paper to circulate as money, is hereafter prohibited, and that sections 22d, 30th and 32d of Article 7th, is hereby abrogated.

Mr Palmer moved to lay the amendments on the table; lost, by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs Bryan, Caldwell, Doane, McCulloch, McDade, Maverick, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Scarborough, Taylor, of Cass, Taylor, of Houston, Taylor, of Fannin, and Truit—14.

NAYS—Messrs Allen, Armstrong, Burroughs, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, Martin, Millican, Russell, Scott, Superviele, Weatherford Whitaker, White and Wren—17.

Mr Flanagan moved to refer the bill and amendments to the committee on the Judiciary; carried.

A bill authorising agents and attorneys to make affidavits in certain cases, together with report of the committee on the Judiciary offering a substitute therefor; was read, substitute adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Guinn, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill to transfer certain stock bonds on certain conditions, correctly engrossed.

A bill granting Pellican Island, in Galveston Bay, to the corporation of the city of Galveston; read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to authorise the transfer of certain stock bonds on certain conditions; read third time and passed.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY November, 19th 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the chaplain. Roll called.—Quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Guinn, in a few appropriate remarks, announced to the Senate, the death of Mr. Joseph C. Harrison, a member of the House of Representatives from the counties of Cherokee and Angelina. And by leave of the Senate introduced the following Resolutions.

Whereas, Joseph C. Harrison, late a member of the House of Representatives, departed this life in the city of Austin on last evening at 30 minutes after eleven o'clock.—*Therefore,*

Resolved, That a committee of five Senators be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for his funeral, and to superintend his interment in the city burying ground at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, That each Senator wear crape on his left arm for the space of 30 days as a testimonial of respect for the deceased.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to the bereaved wife of the deceased, our condolence for her irreparable loss.

Resolved, That the committee from the Senate be requested to act in concert with the committee on the part of the House of Representatives.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be requested to forward a copy of these Resolutions to the wife of the deceased.

Mr Whitaker seconded the resolutions in an appropriate address.

The Resolutions were adopted and the following gentlemen, appointed the committee, by the President.

Messrs. Guinn, Whitaker, McDade, Supervile, and Millican.

On motion of Mr Taylor of Houston, the Senate, as a further testimonial of respect for the deceased adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.